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SUBJECT: CAIRO PRESS CHARGES LIBYAN POLICE TORTURED EGYPTIAN WORKERS

- 1. CAIRO PRESS APRIL 22 CARRIES ACCOUNT OF ALLEGED ARRIVAL OF TWO LIBYAN TRUCKS YESTERDAY AT SALLUM ON EGYPTIAN/LIBYAN BORDER. TRUCKS REPORTEDLY CARRIED 264 EGYPTIANS WHO HAD BEEN WORKING IN LIBYAN GOVERNORATE OF DERNA. PRESS ACCOUNT CLAIMS THAT WHEN THESE WORKERS DENOUNCED TRIPOLI RADIO ATTACKS ON EGYPT, LIBYAN POLICE BEAT AND TORTURED THEM, SEVERELY INJURING TEN AND KILLING ONE. LATTER'S BODY HAD BEEN THROWN ONTO ONE OF VEHICLES "IN VIOLATION OF MOST ELEMENTARY RULES OF HUMANITY".
- 2. LOCAL EGYPTIAN POLICE POST HAS REPORTEDLY NOTIFIED EGYPTIAN GOVERNORATE OFFICIALS. PROSECUTOR HAS ORDERED ARREST OF DRIVER AND CO-DRIVER DESPITE ALLEGED PROTEST OF DERNA'S SECURITY CHIEF.
- 3. PRESS ALSO REPORTS SUDANESE PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY SPEAKER UNCLASSIFIED

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AL-TAHIR WILL DEPART CAIRO APRIL 22 FOR TRIPOLI TO DELIVER

MESSAGE FROM NIMAIRI TO QADHAAFI. FOLLOWING DAY HE WILL RETURN TO CAIRO FOR AUDIENCE WITH SADAT.

- 3. COMMENT: ALLEGED INCIDENT IN DERNA IS MOST OMINOUS REPORTED IN MANY MONTHS, AND WILL WORRY MANY EGYPTIANS ALREADY CONCERNED ABOUT SAFETY OF THEIR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES IN LIBYA.
- 4. ALTHOUGH STORY IS FEATURED, IT IS NOT SPLASHED BY EGYPTIAN PRESS AND THERE IS ONLY ONE EDITORIAL COMMENT ABOUT QADHAAFI ON APRIL 22. GUMHURIYYA EDITOR IN CHIEF COMMENTS THAT QADHAAFI'S ATTACKS ON EGYPT HAVE STIRRED INDIGNATION OF LIBYAN PEOPLE, INCLUDING AL-FAJR AL-JADID EDITOR NUR AL-HAMIDI WHO HAS REPORTEDLY RESIGNED IN PROTEST AGAINST ARTICLES WRITTEN BY QADHAAFI HIMSELF. EILTS

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